State of Arizona House of Representatives Forty-fifth Legislature Second Regular Session 2002

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HOUSE BILL 2283

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 9, CHAPTER 4, ARTICLE 8, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 9-500.22; RELATING TO MUNICIPAL PROSECUTION.

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12 13 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

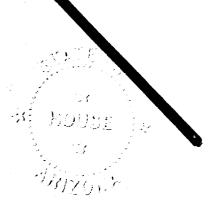
Section 1. Title 9, chapter 4, article 8, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended by adding section 9-500.22, to read:

9-500.22. <u>Prosecution diversion programs</u>

- A. THE CHIEF PROSECUTING OFFICER OF A CITY OR TOWN MAY ESTABLISH A DIVERSION PROGRAM THAT PROVIDES FOR THE DISMISSAL OF A CRIMINAL COMPLAINT ON SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE PROGRAM'S REQUIREMENTS. DIVERSION SHALL NOT BE AVAILABLE TO PERSONS ACCUSED OF A CRIME INVOLVING THE DISCHARGE, USE OR THREATENING EXHIBITION OF A DEADLY WEAPON OR DANGEROUS INSTRUMENT.
- B. THE PROSECUTOR HAS SOLE DISCRETION TO DECIDE WHETHER TO DIVERT PROSECUTION OF AN OFFENDER WHEN THE DIVERSION OCCURS BEFORE A GUILTY PLEA OR TRIAL. THE DIVERSION PROGRAM MAY BE STRUCTURED TO REQUIRE A GUILTY PLEA BEFORE ENTRY INTO THE PROGRAM.

APP OVED BY THE GOVERNOR MAY 1, 2002.

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE MAY 1, 2002.



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| Passed the House Opril 4,2002, | Passed the Senate April 35, 2002 |
| by the following vote: 49 Ayes, | by the following vote:Ayes, |
| | Nays, Not Voting |
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| Governor of Arizona | EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE |
| | This Bill was received by the Secretary of State this day of, 2002, |
| H.B. 2283 | at 2:37 o'clock M. Althur Sayless Secretary of State |